SENATE BILL 2964 By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 37, relative to retirement benefits for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-37-303, is amended by deleting the period at the end of subsection (b) and by adding the following language:

; provided, however, the normal employer contribution rate shall not be set by the board of trustees at a rate lower than the employee's contribution rate for contributory employees. Any funds generated by the employer's rate being set higher than the rate recommended by the actuary shall be used to pay the first-year cost of retirement benefit improvements.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-37-401, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(___) The board shall certify such retirement improvements as are available due to employer contribution rates being set higher pursuant to Section 8-37-303.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.